

DIARY NOTES

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1. I returned Barney Koren's call this morning and talked to him again about the Frank Nash report. He said that in speaking to Mr. Nash further about Mr. Dulles' desire to discuss the report with him before it was finished Mr. Nash indicated that he was always glad to talk to Mr. Dulles at any time and would be happy to talk to him now if he so requested; however, he did not plan to take the initiative in making such a contact and rather felt that Mr. Dulles should make the request if he had something specific on his mind which he desired to discuss. I relayed to Koren a report which Gates had given to me---resulting from yesterday's Deputies' Meeting---in which the Director indicated that he thought he would let the matter alone until the final report was out. I suggested that he not bother with it again and that if Mr. Dulles had something specific which he wanted to discuss with Mr. Nash presumably he would get in touch with him.

2. George Carey, Office of Operations, telephoned me this morning to talk about my health, and in the course of our conversation indicated that he thought most people were not very happy about Ed Saunders' presentation on "overtime" at the Senior Staff Meeting on Monday morning. He said that one thing which he thought was ill advised was the fact that Ed had pointed out that with the amount of money we were spending for overtime we could hire 600 additional people. George thought that this was foolish since our personnel ceiling would not permit us to hire 600 people regardless of whether or not we permitted overtime. I explained that while this was correct I did feel that we had an overtime problem and that we should attempt to cope with it. I pointed out that the regular operating budget was going to cause us to absorb additional activities which the Director had already approved and that the area of overtime was one on which we might work to take up some of the slack. He also said that Frank Wisner had suggested that since the Federal Bureau of Investigation seemed to get a lot of kudos for the amount of overtime worked for which no compensation was paid we might do something similar. I told him that while this did not show up on the time and attendance records I had had an estimate made on one previous occasion and as I recalled it the figures were not too impressive. I believe that there is a paper on this somewhere in the files and we should probably try to dig it out.

3. George also seemed to think that Ed Saunders (or [REDACTED]) was requiring other Agency components to do a lot of extra and unnecessary work in preparation for the budget and indicated that he thought we were going to get an official complaint on this from the DD/I and DD/P. I think that this would bear looking into since I do not know what it is all about.

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4. George advised me that the Printing and Reproduction Division had done a very poor job of collating a paper which the Director was to take to the National Security Council this morning and that if he, personally, had not caught their mistake the Director would have been in a very embarrassing position. I think that this is important and we should make an issue of it with the Office of Logistics and take disciplinary action against the offending person. Gates is already familiar with this.

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5. While not complaining about it, George said that he had only just learned that my trip to Europe had been canceled as a result of a chance meeting with [REDACTED]. I confirmed this and he is sending out messages to his people telling them that I am not coming. I assume that this was an oversight in not notifying him from the office. (P.S. - His secretary was informed - Laq.)